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City of Miami Gardens Park Addresses

Attention: Our Administrative Office has moved!

The Parks and Recreation Department Administrative Office has moved to 1515 N. W. 167th St., Building 6, Suite 300. We are located on the North side of the Golden Glades Office Park facing the Palmetto Expressway, next to City Hall. Our new number is 305-622-8080.

- **A. J. King Park**

4230 NW 178th Street
305-430-2220

- **Andover Park**

NW 209th and NW 1st Avenue

- **Bennett M. Lifter Park**

20701 NW 22nd Avenue
305-624-6712

- **Brentwood Park**

19405 NW 32nd Avenue
305-622-2550

- **Buccaneer Park**

3100 NW 207th Street
305-624-3787

- **Bunche Park**

15600 Bunche Park Drive West
305-621-6101

- **Cloverleaf Park**

303 NW 191st Street
305-652-1732

- **Miami Carol City Park**

18500 NW 32 Avenue
305-624-5394

- **Myrtle Grove Park**

3030 NW 179th Street
305-624-7421

- **Norwood Park**

19401 NW 14th Avenue
305-653-3951

- **Rolling Oaks Park**

18701 NW 17th Avenue
305-621-5932

- **Scott Park**

17710 NW 15th Court
305-430-8011

- **Vista Verde Park**

21001 NW 39th Avenue
305-625-8067

Pool Addresses

- **Brentwood Pool**

(Year-Round Facility)

18800 NW 28th Place
305-621-4720

- **Bunche Pool** - Closed For Construction

15727 Bunche Park Drive East
305-624-5963

- **Myrtle Grove Pool**

3030 NW 179th Street
305-624-6161

- **Norwood Pool**

(Summer only)

19401 NW 14th Avenue
305-770-3106



Special Events

Lake Lucerne Park Has A New Name!

Mr. Bennett M. Lifter had a vision of this community long before it became the City of Miami Gardens. As a realtor and developer, Mr. Lifter owned approximately 200 acres of land in the Lake Lucerne neighborhood where he built over 1000 apartments during the 1970s and 1980s. Mr. Lifter was a very influential person that believed in this community, even as other developers headed south, east, west and north. So much so, that he changed many of the rental properties into the single family homes to provide stability to the Lake Lucerne neighborhood. Mr. Lifter also helped bring businesses to the area and was known for describing the Miami Gardens community as the "heart of the hub of Miami-Dade County."

For more than 15 years Mr. Lifter invested his own funds to beautify and maintain the landscaping and sidewalks along NW 177th Street. He was most noted for donating a parcel of land on the corner of NW 207th Street and 22nd Avenue to Miami Dade County to be designated as a park, currently known as Lake Lucerne Park. Over the years Mr. Lifter made countless donations in support of summer camp programs at the park, provided needed resources to the neighborhood schools, and supported the Miami Gardens Youth Council, just to name a few.

On Sunday, September 27, 2009, Mr. Bennett M. Lifter passed away leaving behind a great legacy. To honor him, the Miami Gardens City Council approved a resolution to rename Lake Lucerne Park to **Bennett M. Lifter Park** and was officially dedicated on January 29th.





City of Miami Gardens It Starts in Parks

achievement

Big achievements in life start with small successes. Like learning how to be part of a team. Or figuring out that excellence comes from a daily commitment of time and hard work. Florida's parks give children a chance to learn these life lessons, to experience success early, and to dream big. Parks build future leaders by giving youth the opportunity to lead. Personal achievement. It starts in parks.

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Florida Recreation and Park Association

411 Office Plaza Drive Tallahassee, Florida 32301 (800) 378-3221

www.frpa.org

Through the Florida Recreation and Park Association, Inc. (FRPA), we are a national association, serving a nationwide network of the Association.



Special Events

Multi-Family Parking lot Sale

It's time again to "Get rid of the Clutter" and pass it on at the multi-family parking lot sale. Registration includes one parking space and one table. Please provide your own chairs. Please call 305-622-2550 to register, deadline is May 14.

Location: Brentwood Park

Date: May 22

Time: 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Fee: \$10 per parking space, \$5 per additional table

Adult Leisure Activities

The Parks and Recreation Department is now hosting indoor activities for people of all ages. These activities will be free to the public. Come out socialize and have fun with some good old fashion games provided by the Parks & Recreation Department.

Location: Scott Park

Days: Bid Whist (Mondays and Wednesdays)

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Times: 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Fee: Free

Note: The indoor activities days will run concurrent with the Dade County School Board Calendar.



Aquatics

Jeff Ellis Management, LLC Water Fitness Program for City of Miami Gardens



Water Fitness Class Description:

Allow participants to feel and experience the benefits of the aquatic environment without the impact or stress on your joints. This workout allows you to use flexibility, cardio and resistance training all in one workout, while focusing on improving health, burning calories and toning. Water fitness class is for ages 13 years and up.

Payment information:

Payment type: \$30.00 packages must be paid with money order (made payable to City of Miami Gardens). Daily fee of \$5.00 can be paid by cash. No checks or credit cards accepted.

Option 1: \$30.00 per package (package includes 10 classes)

Option 2: \$5.00 per class

- Fees are due prior to start time of class. If fee is not paid, participant will not be allowed to attend the class
- Registration form must be filled out prior to start time of class for all participants participating in the water fitness class.
- First class is free. (If participant pays for a package (\$30.00), they will receive a second class free of charge).
- Ask instructor about the referral program and earn free classes!

Location information:

Brentwood Pool, 18800 NW 28th Place, Miami Gardens, Florida 33056

Contact information: Matt Williams, Operations Manager, (305) 467-2990

NOW HIRING!!!

WATER AEROBICS INSTRUCTOR

Requirements: You have to be certified through a water fitness agency.
You need a license or certification for CPR and first aid. Pay Range: \$12 - \$30
(depending on experience) Please call JEM Manager

305-467-2990



Aquatics

Jeff Ellis Management, LLC. Water Fitness Schedule



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	10:00-10:45 a.m. Water Fitness Brentwood Pool			10:00-10:45 a.m. Water Fitness Brentwood Pool		9:00-9:45 a.m. Water Fitness Brentwood Pool
		6:15-7:00 p.m. Water Fitness Brentwood Pool		6:15-7:00 p.m. Water Fitness Brentwood Pool		

Jeff Ellis Management, LLC. Important Information:

- Six participants is the minimum for class to be taught (class will be cancelled with less than six participants).
- Please be on time to class. Instructor will allow participants to show up no more than five minutes late.
- At class time, if there are not six participants instructor will wait for ten minutes. After ten minutes class will be cancelled if there are not six participants. If six participants do show up class will end at regular designated time.
- Please bring water bottle, towel, and approved swimsuit and water shoes.
- Please inform your instructor of any injuries or medical conditions you are aware of.
- If the outside temperature is 70 degrees or lower class will be cancelled.
- Jeff Ellis Management, LLC. staff has the right to have a participant leave the class and facility if they are being disruptive.
- It is very important for participants NOT to enter the water until the lifeguard is up on the lifeguard stand and has given the signal to enter the water.
- Water fitness participants are allowed to participate in water fitness class only. Recreation swim is during operating pool hours.
- Participants are allowed to bring their kids or families, however, if they are not participating in the class they must stay on the deck away from the water and class. Children cannot be left unattended. There must be an adult supervising the children.
- Jeff Ellis Management, LLC. staff will add extra time to class time if a class does not start on time.

Have fun!



Aquatics

Public Swimming

The Brentwood Aquatic Facility is open for public swimming daily from 1:00-4:45 p.m. The fee for public swim is \$1 per person.

Aquatic Facility Rentals

The Brentwood Aquatic Facility is available for private rentals on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Rentals are on a first come, first serve basis. All fees must be paid at the Parks and Recreation Department Administrative office at least ten (10) business days prior to rental.

Pool	AQUATIC FACILITY RENTAL FEE/2 HRS.		Deposit
	1-50 People	51-100 People	
Brentwood	\$64	\$1 per person	\$50





Health & Wellness

Step in the Name of Life

Come out and Step away high blood pressure, diabetes, high cholesterol and more. Steppers class provides a fun FREE way to learn the most current Step Dances.



Days of Week	Time	Location
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	6-7:30 p.m.	A.J. King Park

Line Dancing

Come out, kick up your heels, get in shape, and learn the hottest new line dances. There is **no cover charge!** Please come 15 minutes early to register.

Days of Week	Time	Location
Monday, Tuesday	6-7:30 p.m.	Buccaneer Park
Tuesday, Thursday	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Bennett M. Lifter Park
Wednesday	6:30-8 p.m.	Rolling Oaks Park
Saturday	9 a.m.-12 p.m.	Buccaneer Park

Walking Club

Get fit in this program designed to promote health and camaraderie among our residents. There is no fee, just your time and effort needed. Upon registration participants will receive pedometers to track and log progress. Incentives will be given for goal completion. The times of walking will be beginning at 7 a.m. for the City of Miami Gardens A.M. Walkers and at 6 p.m. for the City of Miami Gardens P.M. Walkers daily. If you are unable to walk with the A.M. or P.M. Walkers feel free to walk when your schedule permits. Register at the Parks and Recreation administrative office.

For more information, please contact Rashod Smith at (305)807-8656 or rsmith@miamigardens-fl.gov



Athletics - Youth

Co-Ed Sports Development

Touchdown Club!

Co-Ed Sport	Program Dates	Program Time	One Time Fee
Touchdown Club Football	March 6th – May 1st	Saturdays – Scott Park 10 a.m.–12 p.m.	\$10.00 per participant

The football program is a co-ed sports development program beginning this spring season. It is a fun learning atmosphere, designed to improve the knowledge and fundamentals of football for participants 5-11 years of age.

Basketball Tournament

The 2010 City of Miami Gardens Youth Invitational Tournament is approaching fast. This two day event occurs during Spring break on April 2nd & 3rd and participants consist of great local youth basketball teams. Come out and enjoy the basketball games and all the fun before it's time to go back to school! For more information, please contact Rashod Smith at (305)622-8000 ext. 2523 or (305)807-8656.



Instructional Tennis

See your children serve it up in this program designed to teach participants the fundamentals of tennis, such as the main strokes, scoring system and the thrill of competition.

Location: Buccaneer Park

Day: Saturdays

Time: 9–10 a.m. (5 years old to 8 years old)
10:15–11:15 a.m. (9 years old to 12 years old)

Fee: \$10/month



Athletics - Youth

City of Miami Gardens Youth Sports Program

Once again the City of Miami Gardens' Parks and Recreation Department is making strides to be the best! The Department's ultimate goal is to create a single youth sports program that will be accessible at select parks within the City, and will offer a variety of sports all year round. Beginning with the 2010 football season, the Parks and Recreation Department will be directly administering the youth sports program.



**City of Miami Gardens Bulldogs • City of Miami Gardens Cowboys
City of Miami Gardens Rams • City of Miami Gardens Ravens** (formerly
Miami Gardens Chargers and Golden Glades Rams)
City of Miami Gardens Vikings

Why this change? We believe that the City's role in administering a youth sports program will ensure that all participants will have the opportunity to play in a high quality, highly competitive, City funded Parks program. As a City, our residents expect the standards to be exceptional, and our youth sports program will reflect just that.

What will this mean to parents and participants?

- Fees: Fees will not increase in 2010 and the one-time fee per sport will cover everything (uniforms, helmets, awards ceremony, etc.)
- Volunteers: All current volunteers are welcomed and strongly encouraged to continue their efforts with the City's youth sports program.
- Academic Standards: Free tutoring provided to all participants that qualify through the City's Academic Standards Resolution
- Uniforms and Equipment: Standardized equipment and uniform quality.
- Sports offered: Football, baseball, softball, track & field, swimming, soccer, basketball

The City is committed to competitive programming available to our youth. The elements of this transition include enhanced sports programming, a code of conduct, and academic achievement. And remember, It Starts In Parks!

Football and cheerleading registration will begin on March 29th at the Parks and Recreation Administrative Office. Additional registration dates and sites will be available.

For further information regarding the City of Miami Gardens Youth Sports Program, please call 305-620-7524 or email mbyams@miamigardens-fl.gov.



Athletics - Adults

Miami Gardens Ballers

Are you looking for an organized adult basketball league as an alternative to pick-up games? We provide the solution, a co-ed adult basketball league. The league will be split into two divisions: the Slam Dunk Division (ages 18-29), and the Swoosh Division (ages 30 and up). Since the department provides the referees and scorekeepers, the cost is only \$30 per player with a maximum of 8 players per team. The season will begin when our brand new community center opens. The team that wins the championship game receives one team trophy and a 50% discount on the entry fee for the next league season.



Adult Tennis

This is a great instructional activity for adults who want to learn the fundamentals of tennis, get in shape, and socialize at the same time.

Location: Buccaneer Park

Day: Mondays and Thursdays

Time: 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$20/month

For more information on any athletic programs, please call Rashod Smith at (305)622-8000 ext. 2523 or email rsmith@miamigardens-fl.gov.



Senior Happenings

The Senior Club

The Parks and Recreation Department hosts weekly senior gatherings at various parks. There is a monthly fee of \$5 which includes a light breakfast once per week and a monthly trip provided by the City. In addition, individual clubs plan birthday outings, out of state trips, social gatherings, indoor/outdoor activities, volunteer opportunities, and more.

Please Note: Some weekly meetings will be rescheduled due to seasonal camp programs.

Park	Address	Day of Week	Time
Cloverleaf Park	303 NW 191 St	Wednesday	10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Bunche Park	15600 Bunche Park Dr. W.	Friday	10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Senior Club Monthly Trips

March 29 –Fairchild Tropical Gardens

Location: Coral Gables, Florida

Time: 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

April 6 - Movie to be determined

Location: Sunrise Cinemas

Time: 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

May 11 - End of year luncheon

Location: Homestyle Buffet

Time: 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

May 18 – Senior Day

Location: TBD

Time: 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Senior day will include lunch, games, special guests and more.

(Participants must be registered in advance and up to date on dues to attend trips)



Senior Happenings

Chair Yoga

Increase your flexibility and health in this low-impact program led by instructor Lisa Pumper from Yoga Connection. Please bring a towel and water.

Location: A.J. King Park

Days: Tuesday and Thursday

Time: 9:15–10:30 a.m.

Fee: \$20/6 week session twice a week **or** \$10/6 week session once a week

Senior Recreation Activities

Come, sit and enjoy special guests presenting on various topics that will entertain, raise awareness and educate you on relevant topics of interest. Guest topics: Memory banking, fitness, and financial.

Date	Time	Location
Mar. 19	10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.	Buccaneer Park
Apr. 7	10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.	Cloverleaf Park
May 10	10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.	Brentwood Park





Youth Programs

Shining Stars After-School Program

Sign your child up for the latest after-school craze for children ages 5-12. The program offers certified teachers who will assist your child with their homework and tutoring; chess instructors that will stimulate your child's critical thinking skills; tennis instructors to develop your child's motor skills and fitness; and cultural programming to expose your child to the rest of the world.

Park Locations: A.J. King Park, Bennett M. Lifter Park, Buccaneer Park, Bunche Park, Miami Carol City Park, Myrtle Grove Park.

Days: Monday-Friday

Time: 2-6 p.m.

Fee: \$20 per week plus a \$10 non-refundable registration fee.

Transportation is available from the following public schools for \$5 per week:

Bennett M. Lifter Park: North County Elementary
Crestview Elementary

Bunche Park: Golden Glades Elementary
Rainbow Park Elementary
Bunch Park Elementary
North Dade Elementary
North Dade Center for Modern Languages

Miami Carol City Park: Brentwood Elementary
Barbara Hawkins Elementary
Charles D. Wyche Elementary
Miami Gardens Elementary

Registrations are accepted only at the Parks and Recreation Department Administrative Office Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Spots are limited. Must provide a birth certificate at time of registration



Youth Programs

Kids' Day Off

All kids age 5 thru 12 are invited to attend the Kids' Day Off Programs. The programs are held at various parks during teacher work days and when public school is in recess. Your child will participate in fun indoor games, active outdoor sports, and have great adventures with arts & crafts, field trips, cultural experiences, and special guests. You may register at any recreation center, but please remember spaces are limited so register early.

Location: All recreation centers

Date: April 5

Time: 7:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

Fee: Free if enrolled in the Shining Stars After-School Program, \$10 otherwise

Spring Camp

Kids aged 5-12 are offered a fun and thrilling spring break program. Children will participate in exciting field trips, special guests, arts and crafts, and on site activities.

Locations: Norwood, Rolling Oaks, Brentwood, Bunche, and Myrtle Grove Parks

Dates: March 29-April 2

Time: 7:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

Fee: \$40 per participant plus \$5 non-refundable registration fee.

Registration for Spring Camp has begun at the Parks and Recreation Administrative Office between 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Monday-Friday.





Youth Programs

Summer Days in the Gardens

This exciting summer camp program offers a fun and enriching summer experience for children ages 5-15. This experience will include exciting field trips, special guests, swimming, sports and fitness, exposure to cultural diversity, and much more. Lunch and a snack will be provided daily.

Locations:

- General camps (ages 5-11): Brentwood, Buccaneer, Bennett M. Lifter, Myrtle Grove, Norwood, Rolling Oaks, and Scott Parks
- Cultural Arts camp (ages 8-12): A.J. King Park
- Sports camp (ages 8-12): Miami Carol City Park

Dates: June 14 – August 13

Time: 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Ages: 5-15

Cost: "EARLY REGISTRATION" April 12 – April 30: \$35/ 1st week + \$10 non-refundable registration fee

Registration: \$45/week + \$10 non-refundable registration fee

Late Registration: beginning May 24th: \$45 (weekly fee) + \$20 non-refundable registration fee

A birth certificate is required if the child has not been previously enrolled in any City of Miami Gardens camp or after-school programs.

**** Spots are limited and fill up quickly! ****



Dance Classes

Ballet/Jazz

This class teaches ballet positions and terminology, free movement of expression and personality. [Dance attire may be purchased at local stores optionally.] Registrations are accepted at Bennett M. Lifter Park and the Administrative Office on a first come, first served basis. Spots are limited.

Location: Bennett M. Lifter Park

Day: Saturdays

Time: 10–11 a.m.

Ages: 5-8

Fee: \$5 per month



Hip Hop

Come out and learn new hip hop dance moves in this co-ed class. Children will learn the moves while developing a spectacular routine to today's most popular music. Please be sure to wear comfortable shorts, shirt, and sneakers. Registrations are accepted at Bennett M. Lifter Park and the Administrative Office on a first come, first served basis. Space is limited.

Location: Bennett M. Lifter Park

Day: Saturdays

Time: 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Ages: 8-12

Fee: \$5 per month



Teen Programs

Expanding Horizons

The Expanding Horizons program is an educational and social After-School program for teens between the ages of 13 and 17. This program exposes its participants to various career fields and college majors. The program also provides a weekly life skills component. Teens will participate in field trips, interact with special guests, and engage in hands-on community service activities.

Location: Scott Park

Days: Monday-Friday

Time: 3-6 p.m.

Fee: \$10 per month plus a \$10 non-refundable registration fee.

Transportation is provided from:

- Lake Stevens Middle School
- Carol City Middle School
- Carol City High School (Pick-Up from Carol City Middle School)
- Gospel Tabernacle School
- Norland Middle School
- Norland High School
- Parkway Middle School
- North Dade Middle School

Registrations are accepted only at the Parks and Recreation Department Administrative Office Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Spots are limited. Must provide a birth certificate at time of registration



Teens' Day Off

The Teens' Day Off program facilitates field trips and activities for the entire day for teens between the ages of 13 and 17 who are out of school due to Teachers Planning Days.

Location: Scott Park

Date: April 5

Time: 7:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

Fee: Free if enrolled in the Expanding Horizons program; \$10 per day for non – Expanding Horizons participants.

April 2010

MON	TUES	WED
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City of Miami Gardens Park Information

Facility Rentals

Recreation centers and pavilions are available to rent for your special occasion. Reservations must be made at least two weeks in advance in person at the Parks and Recreation Department Administrative office.

All rentals are for four hours plus one hour of set-up and one hour of clean-up. The rental price depends on the number of attendees. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis and require full payment. All permits must be granted ten (10) business days prior to rental date in order to reserve the facility.

Park	Facility	DJ	Rental Fee *Capacity of Building Inside *1-75 Outside	Rental Fee 76-149 Outside	Clean Up Fee
A. J. KING	OUTSIDE	N	\$69	\$91	\$60
	INSIDE	Y	\$107	\$149	\$60
ANDOVER	OUTSIDE	N	\$69	\$91	\$60
BENNETT M. LIFTER	PAVILION	N	\$80	\$101	\$60
BRENTWOOD	PAVILION	Y	\$80	\$101	\$60
	INSIDE	Y	\$91	N/A	\$60
BUCCANEER	OUTSIDE	N	\$69	\$91	\$60
	INSIDE	Y	\$101	N/A	\$60
BUNCHE	OUTSIDE	Y	\$69	\$91	\$60
	INSIDE	Y	\$69	N/A	\$60
CLOVERLEAF	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MIAMI CAROL CITY	PAVILION	Y	\$80	\$101	\$60
	INSIDE	Y	\$69	N/A	\$60
MYRTLE GROVE	OUTSIDE	Y	\$69	\$91	\$60
	INSIDE	Y	\$69	N/A	\$60
NORWOOD	OUTSIDE	Y	\$69	\$91	\$60
	INSIDE	Y	\$69	N/A	\$60



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Facility Rentals (cont.)

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ROLLING OAKS	PAVILION	N	\$80	\$101	\$60
	INSIDE	N	\$91	N/A	\$60
	FIELD	Y	\$91	\$107	\$60
SCOTT PARK	OUTSIDE	N	\$69	\$91	\$60
	INSIDE	Y	\$101	N/A	\$60
VISTA VERDE	OUTSIDE	N	\$80	\$101	\$60

Rental Rates For Over 149 Patrons

150-249: \$145 RENTAL / \$75 CLEAN UP

250-499: \$290 RENTAL / \$100 CLEAN UP





City of Miami Gardens Park Information

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meet every third Thursday of the month beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Parks and Recreation conference room. Dates are subject to change. Please call the Parks and Recreation Administrative Office for more information.

Cancelled class disclaimer

Staff will make every effort to contact participants. However, classes are subject to change without notice.

Park Reminders

- ❖ All City of Miami Gardens Parks are open from sunrise to sunset, unless permitted in advance by administration.
- ❖ Please help us by keeping the park clean.
- ❖ Pets, ATVs, motorcycles and alcohol are not permitted on park grounds.
- ❖ Grilling in non designated areas is prohibited.

Payment Procedures

Please be advised that recreation centers will only accept credit cards (MasterCard and Visa) or money orders. Payments can be made via cash, credit card (MasterCard and Visa), personal checks, and money orders at the Parks and Recreation Department Administrative Office.

E-Connect

Want to stay "in the know" and get updated with important information, news, and events happening in and around the City? Subscribe to the City of Miami Gardens e-Connect" electronic newsletter and get the latest information delivered monthly right to your email! Go to www.miamigardens-fl.gov and on the homepage, directly under "latest news and events, click" on the sign-in link for the City's online newsletter...your source for community information!



City of Miami Gardens Park Information

Introducing ActiveNet

The Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to announce that they will be offering automated enrollment and online registration for select programs!

The Department has partnered with Active Network, Inc. to provide computerized program registration and facility rentals. The Active Network has been providing over 20 years of class and event services to over 1000 local and state parks and recreation departments. With ActiveNet, residents will be able to search and view all of our classes, programs, activities and facility amenities all from the comfort of their homes!

Some of the benefits of ActiveNet include:

- ❖ Register for select programs for either yourself or a family member
- ❖ View your past registrations with ActiveNet
- ❖ View and print class schedules
- ❖ Manage your account without ever leaving the house!

Need to get the word out?

This brochure reaches 30,000 homes and is mailed quarterly!
If you would like to place an ad in The Gardens Experience,
please call 305-622-8080 or email recinfo@miamigardens-fl.gov.



City of Miami Gardens Employee Recognition



First Class Service:

Lakeela Guyton - (AJ King Park)
Rosheda Byrd - (AJ King Park)

Team Work:

Wendell Sturup - (Miami Carol City Park)
Josh Rhodes - (Buccaneer Park)
Sylvester Wilson - (Buccaneer Park)
Ian Coram - (Vista Verde Park)
Kevin Yearby - (Rolling Oaks Park)
Lillie Peterson - (Vista Verde Park)
Christopher Williams - (Aquatics)

Making the Difference:

Erica Gray - (Brentwood Park)
Tammy Williams-Lee - (Brentwood Park)
Dessarie Jameson - (Bennett M. Lifter Park)
Robert Smith - (Bennett M. Lifter)
Michelle Ash - (Bennett M. Lifter)
Le'Var Franklin - (Administration)
Jermaine Parris - (Irrigation)
Bernard Woods - (Irrigation)
Claudio Guzman - (Tradesman)
Darrell Williams - (Tradesman)
Julio Torres - (Landscape)
Jesus Toledo - (Landscape)
Owen Jobity - (Landscape)
Jeffrey Blackmon - (Landscape)

Together We Can:

Jackie Hall - (Bennett M. Lifter)	Ricky Collins - (Landscape)
Dane-Ryan Foo - (Janitorial)	Owen Jobity - (Landscape)
Derrick Murdock - (Janitorial)	Angela Richardson - (Janitorial)
Jesus Toledo - (Landscape)	Julio Torres - (Landscape)
Chris Williams - (Aquatics)	Xavier Williams - (Landscape)
Jeffrey Blackmon - (Landscape)	Ira Dozier - (Janitorial)
Ed Green - (Landscape)	Emile Joseph - (Landscape)
Terry Lockett - (Janitorial)	Mike Perez - (Landscape)
Virgil Scatliffe - (Janitorial)	Darrell Williams - (Trades)
Vanessa Saint-Ristil - (Miami Carol City)	Jarred Carter - (Vista Verde)
Lillie Peterson - (Vista Verde)	Tangela Lynch - (Norwood)



City of Miami Gardens Employee Recognition



Brandy Jackson – (Miami Carol City)
Gail St. Fleur – (Miami Carol City)
Shareva Faircloth – (Buccaneer)
Tyshika Kitchen – (Norwood)
Woodnel Charles – (Buccaneer)
Sabrina Clark – (Scott)
Gillespie Brown – (Norwood)
Jarrell Jones – (Miami Carol City)
Wendell Sturrup – (Miami Carol City)

George Mitchell – (Bunche)
Joshua Rhodes – (Buccaneer)
Camille Saintville – (Buccaneer)
Robert Smith – (Bennett M. Lifter)
Terrence Williams – (Scott)
Kevin Yearby – (Rolling Oaks)
Breazetha Smith – (Scott)
Rashod Smith – (Administration)

Winning Attitude:

Dessarie Jameson – (Bennett M. Lifter)

High Five:

Shaneika Harvey - (Recreation Division)
Le'Var Franklin - (Administration)
Chris Williams – (Administration)

Safety Team:

Dane-Ryan Foo – (Janitorial)



Dane-Ryan Foo
EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH
NOVEMBER 2009

Dane-Ryan Foo, Janitorial Supervisor from the Parks & Recreation Department, was recognized as employee of the month for thinking quickly and being dedicated to his community. While cleaning litter from the perimeter of Brentwood Park, Mr. Foo detected the scent of gasoline. Mr. Foo immediately contacted the Miami-Dade Fire Department to inform them of his discovery. The Fire Department responded to the call and was able to fix the leak in the residence. As a result of Mr. Foo's quick thinking and dedication to the residents of the City of Miami Gardens, a resident's home was saved from a possible fire. This kind of dedication to the community is commonly shown and is to be commended. This is why Mr. Foo is November's Employee of the Month for 2009. Congratulations!

If you know of an employee working for the City of Miami Gardens Parks & Recreation Department that should be commended for an action please email recinfo@miamigardens-fl.gov. Please include the name of the employee, park or division, and commendable service.



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City of Miami Gardens Community Development

Energy Efficient Retrofit Program

High energy expenses can be a strain to the average household. Heating and cooling account for 50% to 70% of the energy used in the average American home. Inadequate home insulation is the leading cause of home energy waste and contributes to higher energy costs. Insulation installation is one of the least expensive and easiest ways to improve the energy efficiency of homes. Therefore, the City of Miami Gardens has allocated \$205,681 of Community Development Block Grant dollars from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (CDBG-R) for the Energy Efficient Retrofit Program. Through this program eligible homes will be inspected to determine if adequate insulation exists. If insulation is lacking, new insulation will be installed. In the cases where flat roofs exist, reflective roof paint will be used instead of insulation. Assistance of up to \$6,000 is available per home and will be in the form of a grant with a recapture provision of a period of 3-years.



To be eligible, properties must be located in the City of Miami Gardens and can be single-family homes, townhomes or condominiums.

Applicants must also meet the following:

- Low-income guidelines of up to 80% of area median income (i.e.: up to \$37,750 for a family of one or up to \$53,900 for a family of four).
- Must be the owner and live in the home.
- Must be current with the existing mortgage and real estate taxes.
- Must have homeowners insurance.
- Must be a U.S. citizen or resident alien to participate

For more information on the Energy Efficient Retrofit Program, visit the City's webpage at www.miamigardens-fl.gov/cd or contact the Department of Community Development at 305-622-8041.



City of Miami Gardens Community Development

Citizen Participation Meetings

Each year the City is required by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to hold public meetings to inform the community of proposed projects and identify needs of residents as it relates to the distribution of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. During these meetings residents will have an opportunity to discuss their program ideas and ask questions. The City encourages public participation by attending one of the meetings as scheduled below:

TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 6 p.m.

Meetings will be held at City Hall, 1515 NW 167 Street, Bldg. 5, Suite 200. For more information, contact the Department of Community Development at 305-622-8041 or visit our website at www.miamigardens-fl.gov/cd.

Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP)

On February 17, 2009, President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 into law. The ARRA contains many provisions to stimulate the economy, including approximately \$1.5 billion for Homelessness Prevention. The City of Miami Gardens was awarded \$567,612 of these funds for the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP).

HPRP funds will provide financial assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless and help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized. Funds under the HPRP are intended to target two populations of persons facing housing instability, as listed below:

- 1) Individuals and families who are currently in housing but are at risk of becoming homeless due to a court ordered eviction and need temporary financial assistance to prevent them from becoming homeless or assistance to move to another unit.
- 2) Individuals and families who are currently homeless (residing in emergency or transitional shelters or on the street) and need temporary assistance in order to obtain housing and retain it.

If you are currently homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, please call the Homeless Helpline at 1-877-994-HELP (4357). For more information about HPRP, contact Laurin Yoder at 305-622-8000, ext. 2694.







City of Miami Gardens

STAND UP! BE HEARD! BE COUNTED!

The 2010 Census is the City's first opportunity to be counted as a City and we're excited about it!

Our tagline, *Stand Up! Be Heard! Be Counted!* matches the ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as well as the actions of dedicated people who established the City of Miami Gardens in 2003. Inclusion counts, for voting rights, for this 2010 Census and for much more.

Why is the 2010 Census so important? Federal and state funding is based on population. The City stands to gain *thousands of dollars for each person* who is counted.

The Mayor and City Council are committed to the City's 2010 Census Campaign – While the Census Bureau does the actual counting, the City of Miami Gardens' *Complete Count Public Relations Campaign* increases awareness and encourages everyone to be counted.

The Census is 100% confidential. By law, your personal information is not shared. It's not dependent on visa or residency status. Everyone has a responsibility to be counted, wherever they reside and whatever their circumstances may be.

The Census form/questionnaire arrives in March - Answer 10 questions and help improve our schools, roads, hospitals, job-training programs, public transportation and much more.



Make a difference. Make history.

Census Day: April 15

visit our website CMGCENSUS.COM or call 305-622-8025

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